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the *Unicorn* encountered less favourable winds. These delayed her arrival at her port until the 17th of December, two months after her departure from New Switzerland.

The corvette came to anchor in the harbour of Cape Town, where she was to remain for a week.

One of the first visitors to come aboard was James Wolston. He knew that his father, mother, and two sisters had taken passages on the *Unicorn*, and his disappointment can be imagined at finding that there was only one sister for him to meet. Dolly presented Fritz and Frank Zermatt to him.

"Your father and mother and sister Hannah are living in New Switzerland now, Mr. Wolston," Fritz told him ; "an unknown island on which my family was cast twelve years ago, after the wreck of the *Landlord*. They have decided to remain there and expect you to join them. When she comes back from Europe the *Unicorn* will take you and your wife and child to our island, if you are willing to go with us."

"When is the corvette due back at the Cape ?"
James Wolston enquired.

"In eight or nine months," Fritz

replied, " and
she will go from here to New
Switzerland where the
British flag will be flying. My brother
Frank and I
have availed ourselves of this
opportunity to take
back to London the daughter of Colonel
Montrose